



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN 15 13 December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

WOW! What a week we have had. Christmas has truly come to AVA this week and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Reception kicked off the celebrations with a beautiful sing-a-long with their parents. These are some of our youngest children and for some of them this is the first time they have stood up in front of anyone let alone have the courage to sing so beautifully. Well done Reception you we all little super stars.

Mrs Paxton then gave us a beautiful nativity for our Years 1 and 2. As always this didn't disappoint, all our children did amazing in the roles that they were given. We are so proud to show off to our parents how brave our children are.

Christingle came towards the end of the week and our Year 3's were superb. I don't think it ever gets easier standing up and singing in front of strangers but they all did so well.

Our Christmas lunch was a huge success on Thursday and we had a special visit from Santa and a rather large elf to hand out all the crackers to the children. We had a lot of beautiful crowns and there will be one winner from each year group who was voted for by the catering and primary staff.

Next week, we will be celebrating children who have had 100% for the Autumn Term. As mentioned in previous correspondence this term, if your child is late after 9:00am, this generates a U mark on the register. A U mark means that your child will only have 50% attendance for that day. Therefore, even if your child has been in every day this term, they will not receive a certificate for 100% Autumn Term attendance if they have been late after 9:00am.

We are unable to amend our registers without justifiable cause as this guidance is set by the Department for Education. For example, reasons such as traffic or sleeping in are not considered a justifiable cause.

As stated in previous letters and newsletters, this is a national change to the attendance policy. If you would like to read more, you can read the Aylesbury Vale Academy Attendance Policy which can be found on the school's website, or you can read the Department for Education's Guidance using this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf

Drama Club has put in an amazing effort since September rehearsing their performance. They have had to learn many lines, remember hundreds of cues and adapt from stage to film. They have been extremely resilient, and we are impressed with them all. On Wednesday and Thursday, we filmed the performance in the theatre space in the secondary school. We are very excited to share the film in classes in the new year so that we can all celebrate the performers efforts.

We wish our school choir good luck this weekend for their performances, if you are around Fairford Leys or Roman Park please do pop into those events and support our children, they always appreciate familiar faces in the crowd and the support that our community can give.

If you are yet to donate to Christmas Jumper Day the link is still open for donations to this worthwhile cause for Save the Children:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240023925>

We still have codes for Waddesdon if you need to collect one just pop to the school office and grab a code.

Enrichment Clubs

There are no enrichment clubs next week.

Coat drive

Many thanks to all parents and carers for donating coats for our coat drive. Over 160 coats have been donated and we are able to distribute them with those in our community.

If your child needs a coat for the winter, please either contact their pastoral team or email inclusion@theacademy.me and we will arrange a coat with them over the week.

Christmas Jumper Bank

You will have received a Christmas jumper donations email for the new year. We know how expensive this time of year can be and often the children grow so quickly and only wear a Christmas jumper a couple of times. We would like to build up a bank of Christmas jumpers that people can borrow and return if they don't want to or are unable to buy a new one. Sustainable fashion is a buzz word at the minute, and we would like to do our bit to support our families but also reduce the disposable fashion trend.

If you have Christmas jumpers that your child has outgrown and you would like to donate them please drop them to the school office in the New Year and we would be happy to take them off your hands.



End of term closing times

Preschool - closed all day
Reception - 12:00pm
Years 1&2 - 12:10pm
Years 3-6 - 12:20pm

If your child is having a packed lunch this day please ensure that they bring it with them as the lunch timings have shifted for this day to ensure that all the children have eaten before they go home.

Free School Meals

We now have an online free school meal application on our web site under the **Parents** tab. Please find the link below:

<https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SCHOOL+MEALS&pid=166>

We also have a dedicated FSM inbox - freeschoolmeals@theacademy.me - where parents can submit FSM forms if you prefer to complete the paper version instead of the online form.

Christmas Schedule (Year R-6)

Sat 14th Dec 4pm Choir at Fairford Leys - PARENTS
Sun 15th Dec 3:45pm Choir at Roman Park - PARENTS

Mon 16th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 5 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS
Tues 17th Dec 2pm Year 4&5 singing YEAR 4 PARENTS ONLY (primary hall) - PARENTS
Tues 17th Dec Evening Year 6 Carols (Secondary Hall) - PARENTS
Fri 20th Dec - finish from 12.00-12.20pm

Reflection



A Reflection for the Third Sunday in Advent, Sunday December 15th 2024...

The Third Week of Advent Represents: Joy

This week may God to help us focus on joy during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy God brings into our lives. May we find God in the everyday moments and prepare for Christmas with hearts of gratitude.

A Prayer for the Season of Advent

Loving God, we ask for your blessing on this season of Advent as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas.

We pray that Hope, Faith, Joy, and Love come into our world. Amen.

Have a wonderful festive weekend.

Best wishes.

Mrs C Baughan



School & College Member

SEND Support Phone Line - 01296 382135

We are open every day between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

Primary SEND concerns

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsKSZm5ilcidJig5HlgRJQUZUMEVCUk1PMUZXRtq1UllUVVBaSFNYUFICMi4u&web=1&wdLOR=cA359AD1B-53A8-5F47-9B1A-80EC4AFA2E4C

Sunday 15th December 3-6pm at Roman Park Hall

Berryfields Carols

With AVA Band, Greenridge & AVA Primary Choirs

Carol Singing on stage from 4pm
Beat the Santa Goalie * Christmas Games & Crafts
Facepainting * Nativity Trail * Free Glow Sticks
All activities are free just pay for refreshments

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Mind - 03001233393
No Panic - 08449674848
Bereavement - 08088081677
PAPYRUS - 08000684141
Samaritans - 116 123
SHOUT - 85258
Abuse - 080820005000
Refuge - 08082000247
shout text 85258



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DRAMA CLASSES FOR AGES 4-18

If your child would benefit from a weekly, 1-hour drama class which will build their self-esteem, teach them to speak clearly and confidently in public, and develop their social interaction skills, **then act now!**

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